

Oaks Christian Church General Board Meeting

February 10, 2013

Sara Simons, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.. Don Joseph gave the opening prayer.

Voting Members present: Sara Simons, Don Whitley, Dorene Drake, Jimmye Saldivar, Barb Scantlin, Pat Whitley, Ruth Conover, Pat Scruggs, Bob Simons, Larry Scruggs, Katie Spencer. Non-voting Participants: Don Joseph; Mitzi and Pastor Alex Colon from Renovada

Minutes: Minutes for the January 13, 2013 board meeting were read and filed for audit.

Financial Secretary: Report not due.

Treasurer's Report: The attached report for January was approved by consensus. By consensus, it was agreed that \$500 be moved from the Coca Cola designated account to the operating fund.

Renovada Report: Pastor Colon reported that Pastor Ezekiel is recovering from minor surgery. Renovada's board has voted to oppose the adoption at General Assembly of an open and affirming position. They would like to know if our congregation is taking a position. Pastor Don said we would get back with them.

They were also interested in putting up some type of banner concerning their services after getting proper permits. The board expressed no opposition. Pastor Colon mentioned that their projector has been missing since last March and they wanted to bring that up with us before making an investment of their own. Pastor Don and Larry reported that we have started a fund and are looking into installing a permanent projector, and we would love for them to be a part of it. Don announced that we are attempting to meet with a provider next week, and Pastor Colon asked to be involved in the meeting.

Pastor Colon, who has an accounting background, asked if we could get copies of the bills, etc. (starting with January 2013), for which they are reimbursing us.

Pastor Colon reported that they hoped to begin a bi-lingual service on the last Saturday (probably at 6:00 or 7:00 p.m.) of each month beginning in March.

Pat Whitley informed Pastor Colon that we are interested in partnering with them in a Vacation Bible School June 24-28 (9 a.m. until noon), and that we would like to work with David Huegel.

Elders Report: Barb announced that we are holding quarterly meetings, including one at 5:30 on February 10. Barb expressed interest in working more closely with the deacons.

Diaconate Report: Pat is continuing to sign up servers a month at a time, and that she is interested in working more closely with the elders.

Team Reports:

Worship: Larry reported that Worship met and planned a Lenten program for each Sunday of Lent, with candle lighting and explanations of Lent. Pat is organizing Sunday scripture readers. There will be no Ash Wednesday service, but there will be a Maundy Thursday service. St. James Lutheran will host the community Good Friday Service. Larry announced that several lights have burned out, and that he is working on bids for fluorescent or LED lighting to provide the light and to save money. Don Joseph says

he has enough lights to read, but Sara is concerned that Pastor Don is in the dark. Don felt that he could wait until the fix, but would see if there was some quick temporary fix with existing equipment.

Christian Education: Pat Whitley reported that she was preparing Sunday School material that could be used for elementary children that might show up. (see Renovada above re VBS). Pat was asked to bring information about summer camp for the next meeting. Dorene reported that we usually pay at least half of the fees, with more being paid if there is need.

Evangelism: Ruth reported that the Community Lunch will be on the 23rd. Renovada has been helping with food, but she hopes that they could have attendees to help with communicating with Spanish speaking attendees. Mitzi is often working at the time. Ruth would like to have a table with information about things like VBS and Lenten Services. Sara suggested that it would be good if we had a slide show that told about our church and possibly Renovada being shown on a loop. Ruth wants to be able to help people with Alzheimer's, like a day care, but is not sure what might be available.

Service: Pat Whitley reported that there will be a special offering on February 24, for Week of Compassion, and she also wants to take up an offering at our dinner on February 17 (the first day of the Week of Compassion).

Stewardship: No report.

Facilities: Lighting was discussed above. He is also working on the reported leak in the Sacristy and ceiling tiles in restrooms. Sara reported that we will need to move the trash container off the lots across the street. Larry pointed out that we will need to screen them, possibly with material from the fence across the street

Membership: Pat Scruggs provided the attached reports, which she discussed at the meeting.

Fellowship: Barb announced that February 17 will be a hoe-down lunch and that members are invited to wear western attire and bring a dessert. Palm Sunday lunch will be next.

By-Laws Committee: Don Whitley announced that the committee met January 28, will meet again February 18, and are working at home and communicating by email in the meantime. Sara will try to send us all recent changes. She is not sure she has the one about use of consensus.

Land Sale Committee: Barbara Scantlin announced that Jeff has received the appraisals from us and said that he could not buy them. We then quickly received a full price cash offer for one lot within five offers of listing, which will be closed Wednesday. We received an offer for the second lot, but that remains in negotiation because of financing issues.

Senior Minister Report: Don has made hospital and home visitations, including a visit to the Winner family.

Old Business:

Dorene reported that a check has been written for the petty cash fund.

The earnest money check has been received for the first lot, but needs to be deposited.

New Business:

It was determined by consensus that the Chair of the Elders would be authorized as a signer on our bank account.

Announcements:

Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

February 17 hoedown.

March 10-board meeting.

Annual Assembly in July.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m. with prayer by Don Joseph.

Respectfully submitted:

Don C. Whitley
Recording Secretary

